Black Eagle Failed to Pay $123,000, Partners Say

NEW YORK—Lloyd Van Blaine, popular owner of Washington's swank Cimmaron Club, and Jesse O. Dedmond, Washington attorney, have served Col. Hubert Fauntleroy Julian, Harlem's famed "Black Eagle," with a summons in a $125,000 lawsuit in which they charge the Black Eagle with failure to pay them their share of a half million dollars which he allegedly made during the past two years by selling surplus war property to foreign governments.

Blaine and Dedmond, through their attorney, Arthur Weinberger of New York, had the summons served on the Black Eagle by a Harlem detective.

They charged that in 1949 they entered into a contract with the colonel under which they turned over to him huge sums of money with which to travel to Europe and buy up surplus war materials for resale to foreign governments.

Under the terms of the contract, they state, Colonel Julian was to get 50 per cent of the profits from the undertakings, with the other 50 per cent being split equally between them as partners in the venture.

Instead, however, they charge that Colonel Julian took their money, bought huge quantities of the surplus property, resold it to foreign governments at a profit of nearly a half-million dollars and had returned to the country and not only refused to give them any of the profits, but has also refused to pay them the money which they originally advanced him.

They further charge that the colonel returned to the country, bought himself a palatial home at 1630 Sedgewick Ave., in the Bronx; that he rides around in an expensive foreign made Jaguar car and that he goes around Harlem flashing $1,000, part of which belongs to them.

Gets 20 Days to Answer

Colonel Julian was given twenty days to answer the summons and complaint after he was served on July 24. He has not answered however, to date.

County Supreme Court.

Weinberger sent a letter to Colonel Julian's attorney last week, notifying him that his client was in default.

Informed sources said last Friday that if the case comes to trial in Supreme Court, it may involve persons both white and colored, high in Democratic circles, and one source said it will be "the biggest five per cent case this country has seen thus far."

May Involve Others

The source implied that the suit would not only name persons high in the Government, but that it would also show that "some of them were actual parties" through the contract.

It is known that while the original contract involves only Blaine, Julian and Dedmond, it was amended on April 20, 1949 to include other parties who were to share in the profits. The names for these parties were not immediately available.

Mrs. Julian, reached by phone Saturday at her Bronx home, said Colonel Julian is out of the country and will be abroad for the next three weeks.